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A PRETENDED ISSUE.

The Two Old Parties Are Waging a Sharp Battle Over Less Than Five Per Cent.

The Galveston Union Workman seems to be greatly exercised over the phrase "pretense of an issue" employed by the Mercury with reference to the tariff question, and feigns to think that the Mercury favors protection. The position of this paper was well defined on that question before the advent of the Workman. We stand flat-footed on the resolution passed at the Indianapolis session of the Farmers' Alliance and Industrial Union, which demands that congress shall put all cotton goods on the free list. This is farther than the democratic bosses go. Again, we endorse the St. Louis conference platform, adopted last February, which reads: "We demand that all national and state revenues shall be limited to the necessary expenses of the government, economically and honestly administered."

The tariff is not the most vital question. Money, land and transportation are all of more direct importance. Tariff is an indirect tax, and should be reduced to a revenue basis for federal purposes only, placing all the necessities used by the masses of the people on the free list, as demanded by the alliance. What we object to is that the money power, lodged in the east, is using the two old party "machines" to prevent the people from considering any other question. Such a course is solely in the interest of plutocracy, in the interest of the creditor class, the bondholders, mortgage owners and money lenders generally; hence they spare no pains or expense in magnifying the tariff question even to distortion, and thus by neglecting and ignoring the more vital questions of currency, land and transportation, tariff is strained into a "pretense of an issue." And the worst of it all is that the two old parties do not intend to do anything. The "pretense of an issue" between them now amounts to one-fourth of a cent a yard on calico, and less than five cents on the dollar on the entire tariff list. If this is not a "pretense of an issue," what could be? The Mercury is not only in favor of an actual and decided reform of the tariff, but of other reforms as well. We mean what we profess.

The strangest thing is, that so many papers which are in position to do so much for reform, not alone of the tariff, but all along the line, blindly follow their party "bosses" and sectional prejudices, and refuse to say one word for reform, except about tariff; thus assisting, perhaps unwittingly, the plutocracy to perpetuate existing conditions which are gradually impoverishing the people; slowly but surely absorbing all property, forging the chains of tenantry, want, ruin and moral degradation, which, when consummated, will bring the end of the republic.—Dallas, Tex., Southern Mercury.

PRESIDENT POLK.

He is Solid For the Cause of the People Despite Falsehoods.

The daily press is always sending out some fake from Washington about the alliance.

Its latest is to the effect that President Polk is advising the alliance to go back into the democratic party.

This lie is too plain upon its face. No one who knows Polk would for an instant credit it. Polk is open and strong for the people's party, and says that it is the only hope of the people.

This report, however, shows to what extent the lying, subsidized press will go.

They report a democratic meeting six times as large as it is, and any other meeting about one-sixth of what it honestly is. This is their style. They are paid to do it this way, and it must be done in no other style.

Don't let any of our people be fooled or discouraged by any of these lying sheets. Stand solid to your colors, and all will be well in the end.—Atlanta (Ga.) Southern Alliance Farmer.

Facts About Money.

Money is the fiat of law.
Money only represents wealth.
Money is the medium of exchange.
Money determines the relation of supply and demand.

Money is only redeemed in labor or its products.

The volume of money determines prices.

When money is scarce it commands more labor or its products.

When money is plenty industry thrives.

When money is scarce there is stagnation in business and labor starves.—National Advance.

—The Acorn, of Marshall, Ill., makes the good suggestion, and we heartily second the motion: "Let the people's party celebrate the Fourth of July all over the country and at every point where they can obtain telegrams from Omaha on that day it should be arranged for them to do so. If the old ruffians want to kick because we favor mixing politics with our Fourth of July celebrations, why, let them kick. We are going to make just that sort of a mixture, Jeremiah, and you fellows can't stir it with a ten foot pole, either."—St. Louis New Forum.

—They tell us the dollar will buy more now than ever before. It will buy more of some things. It will buy more labor and products of labor. Will it pay more debt, more interest, more railroad transportation or freight or taxes than it would in former times? These are questions for the common people to consider.—Topeka (Kan.) Advocate.

NEW USEFUL FARM IMPLEMENT.

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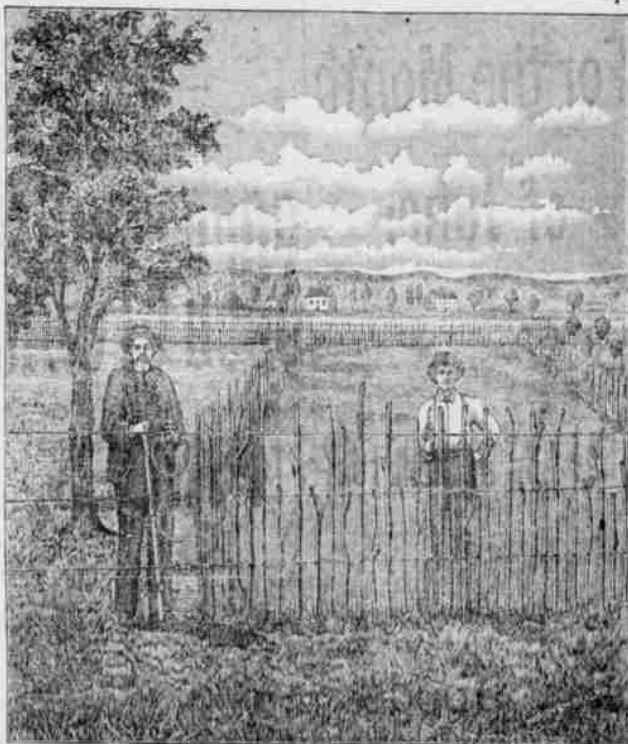
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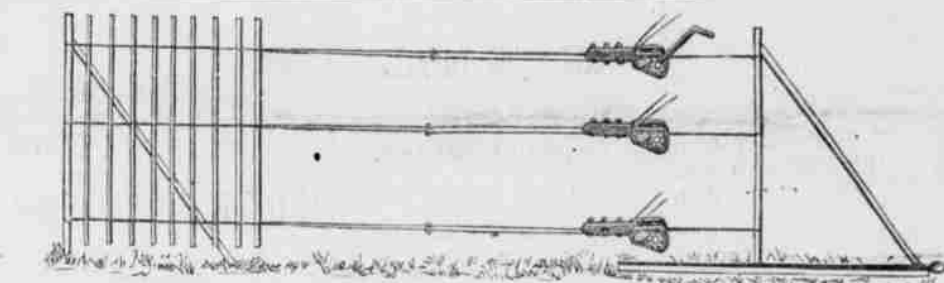
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Why This is the Best Fence Machine on Earth.

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2. Because it makes a fence much stronger than any barbed wire, and does not injure, cripple or maim stock.
3. With it you can fence against dogs, rabbits and chickens as easily as against sheep and hogs.
4. Because the timber used in making one rod of fence will make eight rods of this fence.
5. Because any kind of timber in this fence will last more than twice as long as any other fence; the parts of timber not coming together will not hold moisture and rot.
6. Because it will do as much and as good work as any machine which costs from three to five times its price.
7. Because it twists and not merely crosses the wires.
8. Because it is the cheapest, simplest and best.
9. Because a boy can operate it as well as a man. It weighs only twenty pounds and lasts a lifetime.
10. Because it has received the entire endorsement of the most practical farmers in the country.
11. Because it is favorably recommended by the press wherever it has been on exhibition.



This cut is made from a photograph of a fence on the farm of R. F. Stone, in Coffee county, Kan., built by his fourteen-year-old son, at a cash outlay of only 12 cents per rod. The wife of Mr. Stone sold four of these machines in three days.



HOWARD, KAN., Oct. 27, '91.
I bought one of the Little Traveler fence machines from J. W. Martin and if my testimony is worth anything to the farmers of the country I cheerfully give it. Last year I bought wire and set fence and fenced two acres. This year I fenced with the above machine nine acres at less cost than the two acres cost me last year and made a good deal better fence. I recommend the machine to be all that is claimed for it—cheap, simple and durable.

WILLIAM SMITH.

RUST P. O., Wilson Co., Kan.
This is to certify that I took the agency for my township of J. W. Martin for the sale of the Little Traveler

fence machine, that I have sold a great many of these machines and made a great deal of fence with it. If I could not replace the machine I would not take the price of ten for it.

A. F. KESSE.

HOWARD, KAN.
To whom it may concern:
This is to certify that I bought of J. W. Martin one of his Little Traveler fence machines, and with my limited experience built forty rods of good, hog-tight fence in one day. I built 193 rods of fence at a cost for wire and pickets of eleven cents a rod. I consider the machine a perfect success, and recommend it to anyone wishing to build a fence cheaply and strong.

N. A. WAIT.

TERMS.

Such as to
Guarantee
Large salaries
To energetic
Agents.

CHAPMAN, KAN., Oct. 24, '91.
E. F. Madden, Hays City, Kan.
DEAR SIR—I took the agency for the Little Traveler fence machine and canvassed one week and sold twenty-eight machines. I am a farmer, but will be a machine agent hereafter.

Yours truly, CHAS. KUMBACK.

LAND MONOPOLY.

Untaxed Occupancy and Use Should Be the Only Title to Land.

The natural resources of the United States are simply gifts of the Creator to all the people. The object of government should be to secure to all, from the highest to the lowest their inalienable right to share in these bounties of God. The poorest man who drags his weary limbs through city streets or along the country roads looking for work is the equal of any other man so far as his natural right to develop wealth and share in its productions is concerned. This is what Jefferson meant when he said "that all men are created equal;" and this is what the people's party mean when they declare that the "land, including all natural resources of wealth, is the heritage of the people, and should not be monopolized for speculative purposes." The resources of this country, which do not owe their existence to either the hand, or the brain of man, are capable of supplying labor with work and wealth—there are not men enough in the state of Missouri to develop her resources—and yet the state contains thousands of men who cannot find work for their hands to do. The land and that contained within it was created for use—not for speculation. But the laws permit some men to take possession of these natural opportunities of labor and hold them out of use, while the nation swarms with idle men. It is this that in thousands of instances drives the farmer's sturdy boys into the cities to compete with their fellows for jobs in the factories; or forces them to beg of a landlord the privilege of tilling his fields, as the despised peasants of France did before the revolution.

Landlordism is not only un-American, it is unnatural. It sent Rome into her grave—her statesmen, her philosophers, her poets, her learning and her wealth, concentrated in the hands of a few, could not save her, after her farmers had become tenants—"great estates ruined Italy."

Land monopoly, and land monopoly alone, drives the poor of Europe across the sea in the hope of finding in "free America, easy access to land." And the aristocrat of Europe has come to our shores as well as the honest poor, and has laid his fatal hand upon American soil to the extent of millions of acres, and is prepared, whenever the emergency comes, to introduce the scenes of Ireland. Landlordism, whether of foreign or domestic origin, "must go."

The producing class of this great country, rural and urban, must dwell in homes of their own, and the strong arm of this government must be made powerful enough and long enough to reach forth and collar every scoundrel who attempts to evict from that sacred place the humblest family that lives between the two oceans.—The People's Voice.

COAL AT COST.

Why Not Nationalize the Coal Mines in the Interest of the Whole People?

The Reading anthracite coal combine covers only the Pennsylvania mines and chiefly affects consumers east of the Alleghenies and the lakes. West of this region there are abundant supplies of the cheaper bituminous coal which has not yet been taken in hand by a combine. On account of the greater extent of the bituminous coal fields, spreading as they do under many states, it will be a matter of greater difficulty to bring about an effective conspiracy among the mine owners. If, however, the anthracite combine proves the tremendous money-making success it is showing itself, can any one doubt that the bituminous mine owners will presently be getting together on a similar basis?

If eastern manufacturers may hope for the moment to escape the exactions of the Reading combine, by adapting their furnaces to bituminous coal, and ordering from the west, they certainly cannot expect to find permanent relief in that quarter. If, again, the western consumer, not being immediately affected by the anthracite combine, is tempted to be indifferent to the plight of the eastern consumer, he will soon discover that he is in the same boat with him. The south is not so dependent as the north upon coal for domestic consumption, on account of the warmth of the climate, but its manufacturing interest would receive a serious set back from the general cornering of steam fuel which is impending.

Let west and east and south unite at Omaha in a resolution, demanding in the interest of the freestate and the factory alike, national ownership and operation of the coal mines and the supply of the people with coal at cost.—New Nation.

Quite a Mistake.

"Of all the contrivances for cheating the laboring classes of mankind none have been more effectual than that which deludes them with paper money. It is the most effectual of inventions for fertilizing the rich man's field with the sweat of the poor man's brow."—Daniel Webster, as quoted by the Chicago Herald and reprinted by the Topeka Capital.

"When all our paper money is made payable in specie on demand it will prove the most certain means that can be used to fertilize the rich man's field with the sweat of the poor man's brow."—Daniel Webster, as quoted by Leland Stanford recently in the Senate.—Manhattan (Kan.) Republic.

—The theory of over-production is a fraud. Over-production means plenty, and plenty cannot produce poverty.

The Little Traveler Fence Machine Company,

—GENERAL OFFICE, HAYS CITY, KANSAS.—

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THE WEST.

THE Presbyterian general assembly at Portland, Ore., has adjourned. A resolution denouncing the lynching of negroes in the south was adopted.

STOCKMEN and citizens flatly deny that another expedition against the rustlers is going on in Johnson county, Wyo.

A CYCLONE passed through Earville, Ill. The Catholic and Lutheran churches were badly injured, houses, barns and outbuildings were wrecked, but no lives were lost.

EXCESSIVE rains caused the rivers in Oklahoma to rapidly rise. It is reported that a woman, name unknown, and her three children, were carried down by the Canadian river and drowned.

REPRESENTATIVE TARNSEY has made arrangements for Senator Carlisle and John R. Fellows to speak at Kansas City on the 28th inst.

THE people's party of the First Kansas congressional district nominated Fred Close on the eighth ballot.

A RIVER from Murphysboro, Ill., says that the high water in the Mississippi river has made 1,000 families destitute and they are calling for aid from their more fortunate neighbors. No estimate can yet be put upon the property destroyed, but it will reach far beyond anything ever known in this country.

THE amount of money obtained by the train robbers at Red Rock, L.T., is said to have amounted only to a few hundred dollars. It is doubtful if the robbers will be caught.

THE board of directors of the Chicago Railway and Stockyards Co. have declared a dividend of 3 per cent. upon the preferred stock and 4 per cent. upon the company stock.

At a special meeting of the San Francisco chamber of commerce resolutions endorsing as a safe investment 6 per cent. trust bonds issued by the Nicaragua Canal Construction Co. were adopted.

THE prohibitionists of Minnesota have nominated a state ticket. COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF PALMER, of the Grand Army of the Republic, has issued a special order suspending the junior vice commander of the department of Louisiana and Mississippi.

THE Billings and Great Falls, Montana, stage has been held up and the treasury box and mail sacks taken after one horse was shot. The passengers were not molested and were allowed to proceed with the remaining horses. The robbery occurred on Painted Horse Hill, nine miles south of Mussel Shell river.

FRANK D. TAGGART, a prominent lawyer of Cheyenne, Wyo., has been arrested charged with giving a revolver and ammunition to Kinch McKinney, a prisoner in the Laramie county jail. McKinney fired at the guard, attempted to escape and held control of the jail for eight hours. Taggart confessed to the charge. He was paid \$800 by McKinney for the revolver. The penalty for the offense is fourteen years imprisonment.

A. B. McFARLAND, an amateur naturalist of Chandler, Ok., attempted to catch a rattlesnake and the reptile bit him on the arm. Medical aid was procured, but to no avail. He suffered terrible agony for ten hours and died.

SPECIAL INSPECTOR DAVIS, of the interior department, has returned from the Cherokee strip to Guthrie, Ok. He

found a large number of cattle grazing there, but all have been ordered off and if they do not go at once will be ejected by troops. The soldiers have compelled the Cherokees to stop quarrying stone and confiscated all their machinery.

THE annual conference of German Baptists, or Dunkards, has been in session at Cedar Rapids, Ia.

THE SOUTH.

ROGERS & POTTINGER, jewelers of Louisville, Ky., were robbed of \$5,000 worth of diamonds and other jewels. Two wallets of loose stones were taken from the false bottom of one of the showcases. There is no clue to the thieves. The theft occurred in the afternoon, when the proprietors, with a full force of clerks, were on the floor where the robbery occurred.

GERMAN-AMERICANS in Texas demand more liberal laws.

TWENTY Mexicans have been convicted by Texas courts for violations of the neutrality law.

THE body of James Kelly, a noted moonshine informer of Larue county, Ky., has been found in Green river with his head crashed in.

At Durango, Tex., a family of eight, father, mother and six children, were killed by a tornado.

GEORGE W. PENDLETON has been nominated by a democratic convention as successor in the lower house to Senator Mills. Mr. Pendleton is at present lieutenant-governor of Texas.

BISHOP QUINCY and Secretary Tracy at Annapolis, Md., addressed the graduating class of cadets. The diplomas were then delivered to the cadets, beginning with the honor man, Naval Cadet John D. Beuret, of Ohio, and to

the members of the class in order. After that the bestowal was made without regard to merit.

DURING the recent storm at Lufkin, Tex., several persons were injured, a number of them fatally, and a number of buildings demolished. Blasco reports a number of houses destroyed and at least twenty persons badly injured, six fatally. The little child of Mrs. Cullenbach was thrown on a red-hot stove and burned to death, its mother and three other children being probably fatally injured. The path of the storm is now a desolate waste, all vegetation being destroyed. Appeals for aid have been made.

FRIENDS of Walt Whitman celebrated his 73d birthday at a dinner and organized the "Walt Whitman Reunion."

THE high water mark monument was dedicated at Gettysburg, Pa., the other day. Gen. Beaver delivered the oration.

A NEGRO named Bob Jackson was lynched at Port Jervis, N. Y., for assaulting in a brutal manner a young lady.

THE long talked of combination of wall paper manufacturers has become an accomplished fact and a certificate has been filed with the secretary of state of New York incorporating the National Wall Paper Co. with a capital of \$14,000,000 divided into \$100 shares.

WORK on the construction of the East river, New York, tunnel has begun. It is expected that the work will be completed in two years.

OWENICK calls his girl Revenge because she is so sweet.—Boston Transcript.

A WEIGHTY consideration—the salary of the side show fat lady.—Washington Star.